

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When different types of image storage apparatus  
such as an image sensing apparatus and an external  
5 image processing apparatus such as a printer are  
connected, in order to eliminate an operation error by  
an operator, cumbersome operation, and so forth by  
enabling to automatically perform optimum direct signal  
processing, whether control relation between the image  
10 storage apparatus and the external image processing  
apparatus is a first type in which a memory in the  
image storage apparatus is accessed directly from the  
external image processing apparatus, or a second type  
in which processing in the external image processing  
15 apparatus can be controlled by a controller of the  
image storage apparatus is determined in initial  
communication when the image storage apparatus is  
connected to the external image processing apparatus,  
and a processing procedure for processing an image in  
20 the image storage apparatus by the external image  
processing apparatus is changed based on the result of  
the determination.